

Harpeth Scenic River & Narrows Historic Area



ACTIVITIES

- Canoeing
- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Fishing

- Canoe rentals from private outfitters

Throughout history, man has devised ways to meet the needs and demands of everyday life. One of Tennessee's State Parks, the Harpeth Scenic River and Narrows of the Harpeth (The Narrows), is an excellent example of this spirit of human enterprise and ingenuity.

Located on the winding Harpeth River in Middle Tennessee, The Narrows is a testament to the planning and entrepreneurial skills of the prominent Tennessee industrialist – Montgomery Bell. The Narrows is the site of one of the oldest man-made tunnels in the United States.

Around 1818, Montgomery Bell, one of Tennessee's earliest and foremost captains of industry, planned and constructed the 209 foot long tunnel through the limestone ridge at The Narrows. This tunnel provided a sufficient fall of water to run an iron manufacturing operation at the tunnel's downstream side.

Dug by slaves using black powder and hand tools, the tunnel at the Narrows is both a National Historic Landmark site and National Historic Engineering Landmark site. Of Bell's holdings there, the tunnel, forge, mill and home site, the tunnel is the most visible remnant. He was so proud of his iron forge that he lived within sound of his waterfall and is buried across the river.

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Access Fees may apply. Call park for details.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

A variety of planned programs and activities are available.
Guided tours are available by prior arrangement.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Summer: Daylight - Dusk
Winter: Daylight - 7:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT

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